



MATTHEW 24:14

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come."

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Sunday

Passover Lamb and The Power of His Blood
Excerpts from the Preaching of the Word of God
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1. In the Bible, we read about the Feasts of the Lord (Leviticus 23), which God has ordained for His people to celebrate in order for them to remember what He has done for them. One of these feasts is the PASSOVER (Lev. 23:5-8). This feast was in commemoration of how the Lord delivered the Israelites from the bondage of slavery in Egypt.
2. A brief background about the PASSOVER:
 - a. The Israelites were slaves who were given hard labor in Egypt for 400 years. They cried out to God to deliver them from their sufferings and hardships as slaves. God sent Moses and Aaron to negotiate with the Pharaoh of Egypt to let His people go.
 - b. God hardened the heart of Pharaoh (to show His glory) and he did not allow the Israelites to go. And so the Lord sent plagues to Egypt but the Pharaoh did not let the Israelites go until the 10th plague when all the firstborn of Egypt, from Pharaoh's family to the least animal died.
 - c. God told Moses to gather all Israel and instruct them to take lambs (without blemish) for their families, kill the lamb and drain its blood in a basin. They were to take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the basin of blood and strike the top and sides of the doorframe of their houses. At midnight the angel of death shall strike every house in Egypt and all firstborn shall die but he will PASSOVER the homes with the blood of the lamb on their doorposts (homes of the Israelites). The Lord promised to protect His people Exodus 12:23 identified with the blood of the lamb.
 - d. The Lord instructed them to commemorate this year after year and observe this as an ordinance for them and their sons forever. They are to celebrate this as their day of freedom from the bonds of slavery in Egypt. Exodus 12:24
3. The Old Testament feasts were a shadow or a pattern given by God on what is to come. The Feast of the Passover was fulfilled through the coming of Jesus Christ. Jesus became the Passover Lamb. He died once and for all as an offering for the sins of mankind.
 - a. The PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST is described in Isaiah 53:3-9. Jesus Christ suffered and died for the forgiveness of our sins.
 - b. The POWER OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST must be enforced in our lives.



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Yeshua,
I am Yours alone!

1. According to the Law of Moses everything is purified with blood. The blood of Jesus Christ was shed for the remission of all our sins. Hebrews 9:22, 12 Without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness of sins.
2. His blood is our visa (the means) by which we can enter and come to the presence of God in our lives. Hebrews 10:19
3. If we sin, we can repent, ask God's forgiveness and the blood of Jesus Christ will cleanse us from our sins. 1John 1:7
4. Our covenant with God is sealed by the blood of Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 11:25
5. If we want to become victorious Christians, we must apply the blood of Jesus Christ in our lives. We plead the blood of Jesus when we are faced with temptation or any possible danger. We overcome the works of the devil by His blood. The blood of Jesus is our covering, our refuge, our fortress (protection), the stronghold and strong tower of our lives. Apply all these facts actively in your life/circumstances.
- c. The RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST was a sign that God accepted His sacrifice for our sins and our sins are forgiven. Our faith does not stop at the death of Jesus Christ. If Jesus Christ did not rise from the dead, our faith would be useless. We would still be guilty of our sins. 1 Corinthians 15:14-17
4. As Christians, what should be our attitude towards the passion and death of Jesus Christ? We must identify and be one with Him according to Galatians 2:20.
 - a. If we are one with Jesus Christ, whatever happened to Him also take place in our lives -- our old sinful nature is crucified with Jesus Christ, was buried on the grave with Him, and we rise in the newness of life.
 - b. Jesus is now seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. We must take that position with Him and exercise the authority God has given us in Christ!
 - c. In living our life, our bodies must be dead to sin and alive to God. This means that we will no longer obey the lusts of our bodies; sin will no longer reign in us and the members of our body shall no longer be instruments of unrighteousness but instruments of the righteousness of God, meaning, we should allow God to use our bodies to do what is right, for His glory.

Discussion Questions:

1. What new insights did you receive from the Holy Spirit about the following: Passion of Jesus Christ, The Power of the Blood of Jesus Christ and The Resurrection of Jesus Christ?
2. Could you share concrete examples of how you can apply the power of the blood of Jesus Christ in your life circumstances?
3. How can you apply No. 4 a-c in you life?

Announcements:

- Israel Sunday — May 01, 2011
- EGR—CDC—May 6-8, 2011
- Youth Camp Pampanga - April 29—May 1
- Next 3-day Prayer and Fasting — June 23-26, 2011.
- Birthday Celebration—May 15, 2011

... Fight the good fight for what we believe. Hold tightly to the eternal life that God has given you, which you have confessed so well before so many witnesses. And I command you before God, who gives life to all, and before Christ Jesus, who gave good testimony before Pontius Pilate, that you obey his commands with all purity. Then no one can find fault with you from now until our Lord Jesus Christ returns... King of kings and Lord of lords.
1 Timothy 6:11-16

I have not been able to attend the youth camp for the past 3 years as I have been away. The first thing I noticed during this camp was the change in the set up and focus. This camp was not centered on a catchy camp song nor fancy dance steps- it was not about entertaining the youth. I immediately sensed the maturedness of the lessons and the strong challenge for our generation to step up and take on its role to capture the earth and to usher in establishing His kingdom.

With this generation as most prophesied but most assaulted by the enemy, nonetheless most blessed by God. The Lord had prepared for them a sumptuous spiritual banquet from His Feasting Table. The campers were introduced to the two (2) of the major purposes of God in one's life – indeed to recapture and earth for God to usher in and re-establish His Kingdom here on earth. They've come to know that they are agents of God by which God wants to accomplish this goal.

With the emotion-filled drama of the ten (10) virgins, they are left stumped on their seats, asking probably – “would I QUALIFY?” “what it takes to QUALIFY to enter God's Kingdom?”. They were left wanting to get into the Kingdom of God, for God to rule and reign in their very own lives.

Campers have seen through a video clip how great God is and how insignificant man is and yet the very re bar of our bodies are marked with His son's ownership – the cross. With shrinking feeling the youth offered their lives to God. Cleansed their lives from major blockage through the mini EGR session. Many come to realize how much God loves them and responded to His love during the candle lighting ceremony after which entering the “door”.

They were also prepared for godly marriage through the talk on Love, Courtship and Marriage. To be pure and holy holding fast to their faith was the main goal. They've come to know how important it is to be Mr. Right and Ms. Right, starting with our relationship with God. Not so much to search for Ms Right/Mr Right but be Mr Right and Ms Right as God has designed each one to be.

What a glorious time with God! I believe God has done great and mighty things through this camp. I believe that this camp will start our transformation from youth to warriors, amen!

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